

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For (title): SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

J1046 U.S. PTO
09/783637
02/14/01**1. Type of Application**

- ☒ Utility
☐ Design

2. Small Entity

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

3. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Under 35 U.S.C. §120

This application is a:

- ☐ Divisional
☒ Continuation
☐ Continuing Patent Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)
☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP),

and hereby claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 to the following applications:

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
PCT/US00/12553	May 9, 2000

4. Benefit of Non-U.S. Application Under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) to the following foreign application(s) and/or inventor certificate(s):

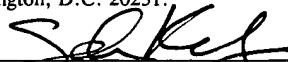
COUNTRY	APPLN. NUMBER	FILING DATE
None		

Certified copy(ies) of the application(s) and/or inventor certificate's from which priority is claimed:

- ☐ is(are) attached;
☐ will follow.

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on 2/14/01 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL733959219US addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


 Sarah Kennedy

5. **Benefit of Provisional Application Under 35 U.S.C. §115(e)**

This application claims priority to the following provisional application(s):

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
60/133,407	May 10, 1999

6. **Papers Enclosed Which Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53**

16 Pages of Specification, including claims and abstract

6 Sheets of Drawing

7. **Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.98), Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each cited reference
- ☐ Assignment and Form PTO-1595
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing" computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences.
- ☐ Other _____

8. **Application Filing Fee Calculation**

A. ☒ Utility Application

FEE CALCULATION:

Total Claims: 25 - 20 = 5 × \$18 = \$ 90.00

Independent Claims: 6 - 3 = 3 × \$80 = \$240.00

Basic Fee:\$710.00

Multiple-Dependent-Claim Fee :\$

Total of the Above Calculations: \$1,280.00

- ☐ Amendment canceling extra claims enclosed.
- ☐ Amendment deleting multiple dependencies enclosed.
- ☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

B. ☐ Design application - \$320 \$

Application Filing Fee Sub-Total \$

C. ☒ Less 50% reduction for small entity..... \$640.00

D. ☐ Non-English Specification - \$130..... \$

TOTAL FILING FEE \$ 640.00

9. **Payment**



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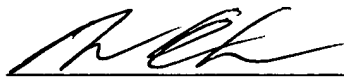
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Not Enclosed

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Respectfully submitted,



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